

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Notice Issue Date

Cherokee County  
City / County

November 4, 2019  
Notice Close Date

BV-028-19-06  
Control Number

Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Etowah River Boat Ramp  
(Ball Ground Road / State Route 372, Ball Ground, GA 30107)  
Activity

This notice is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Site plans are available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch, 200 Piedmont Avenue SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4157 or email [arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov) to schedule an appointment to review the plans. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7-.05 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

This project will consist of constructing a new concrete boat ramp with riprap adjacent to the boat ramp, ADA accessible parking areas and pervious, gravel access roads along the Etowah River near Ball Ground Road in Cherokee County. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of approximately 447 square feet of joint plantings (black willow, *Salix nigra*) along the Etowah River adjacent to the proposed boat ramp. The proposed project will result in approximately 119 linear feet total (2,983 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along the Etowah River in the *Etowah Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Jeffery Bishop, Boating Access Manager  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resources Division, Fisheries Management  
2067 U.S. Highway 278 SE  
Social Circle, GA 30025

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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